

### IMPORTANT FACTS.

ers further South, that Richmond is not deemed altogether safe from the Union army. The Richmond papers admit that the battle

To this end, we demand that the Constitutional obligations—actual or asserted, expressed or understood—of American citizens to uphold or defer to Slavery in the Republic be officially

\$270,000,000, or, to put it beyond a peradventure, a minimum of \$250,000,000 per annum. This is estimated upon the basis of our actual, and, according to the present policy, prospective expenditure for only one year beside the current one, and this estimate is fully borne out, to the extent to which the subject is considered by the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury. Supporting our revenue from imports to be increased to its amount previous to the war, there will remain nearly \$300,000,000 to be raised by methods of taxation heretofore un-

It is difficult to believe that the people of the neighboring Colonies are as eager in the business of arming with a view to an international war as the few hundreds of sedentary colonels and captains and their newspaper assistants in the Provinces seem to be. It would be natural to suppose that these same colonists, who for years prior to 1854 literally besieged Congress, session after session, for the establishment of reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada, would be less tumultuously exultant at the prospect of impending troubles, than their journals represent them to be. Their gain by the Convention of 1854 even exceeded their own highest calculations. Two years after the signing of the Treaty the Province exports to this country had almost doubled. And this gain to the commerce of the Colony was made, not merely at a large sacrifice to the Federal revenue but indirectly at the expense of the manufactures of this country, which have been burdened, year after year, by heavier imposts at Colonial

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